

Q1 resources, and making payment in settlement of the said charge to a third party clearer. This clearing payment may be used to apportion charges between the end users in any desired ratio, e.g. the sender pays all, or sender pays 60%, receiver pays 40%, etc.--

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Please ~~replace~~ the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Q2 --According to a further aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method of operating a packet network providing a plurality of different service levels, the method including passing the said packets through a packet router, and in the packet router determining a classification of packets, scheduling packets differently depending on the packet classification and, at a location remote from the router, policing the service levels of packets to determine the eligibility of a packet for a respective service class.--

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please ~~cancel~~ claims 2-3 and 34-36 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please ~~amend~~ the claims as follows.

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Q3 1. (Amended) A method of operating a communications network comprising:

- a) ~~measuring at each of a plurality of customer terminals usage by~~  
the respective customer terminal of network resources;